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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: AUSTRALIAN ADVANCE PARTY  
COMMENTS ON FRASER VISIT (S/S

TO THE SECRETARY FROM EA-HUMMEL

1. ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON GAVE LUNCHEON FOR AUSTRALIAN  
FORNMIN PEACOCK JULY 23. HABIB AND OTHERS ALSO PRESENT.  
PEACOCK GAVE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON FRASER AND ON  
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WE SHOULD HAVE. GOA MOFA PERMSEC  
RENOUF HAS ALSO SPOKEN PRIVATELY TO HABIB. FOLLOWING IS  
COMPRESSED RESUME OF ITEMS FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

2. PEACOCK SAYS FRASER'S STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST BENT HAS  
CARRIED HIM TOO FAR IN PUBLIC POSITIONS AND PRIVATE  
POLICIES. FRASER HAS ALREADY AGREED THAT HE MUST "WALK  
BACK" TO SOME EXTENT IN COMING MONTHS, HOPEFULLY WITHOUT  
BEING ACCUSED OF REVERSING HIS POSITIONS. BASICALLY,

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FRASER IS EXTREMELY HARD-LINE ANTI-COMMUNIST WHO HAS

DOUBTS ABOUT AMERICAN FIRMNESS. PEACOCK CLEARLY INDICATED THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH FRASER SHOULD BE HEAVY ON THE SIDE OF EXPLAINING WHAT WE ARE DOING TO COUNTER THE SOVIETS AND ALSO WE SHOULD CAREFULLY EXPLAIN WHAT DETENTE DOES AND DOES NOT MEAN TO US. RENOUF SAID FRASER SHOULD BE

SPOKEN TO STRAIGHTFORWARDLY ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY BY YOU, GIVEN FRASER'S VISCERAL ANTI-SOVIET ATTITUDE.

3. PEACOCK SAID HE HAD HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN SELLING TO FRASER THE IDEA OF AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE, AND ALSO HAD FOUND IT HARD TO GET FRASER'S COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BOTH PEACOCK AND FRASER WILL WANT TO KNOW IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU CAN GIVE THEM HOW WE SEE THE WHOLE PROBLEM, INCLUDING PRESERVING THE EXISTENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA ON WHICH FRASER PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE.

4. CHUCK ROBINSON RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE VERY HARD COMMERCIAL TERMS FOR AUSTRALIAN WHEAT SALES TO EGYPT. PEACOCK SAID THIS WOULD BE A GOOD THING FOR YOU TO RAISE WITH FRASER WHO, HE THOUGHT, WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO AN EXPLANATION OF WHY IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL ACTIVELY ASSIST SADAT'S GOVERNMENT.

5. PEACOCK EXHIBITED SOME NERVOUSNESS ABOUT USG REACTION TO CAMBODIAN INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA BY AUGUST 6. PEACOCK SAID AUSTRALIA WAS THINKING OF GOING AHEAD ON THIS BUT DELAYING THE DATE SOMEWHAT. HABIB ASSURED HIM WE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THIS AUSTRALIAN ACTION.

6. ON USG REQUEST TO GOA TO FURNISH A FEW MEN TO STAFF THE UN COMMAND REAR HEADQUARTERS IN JAPAN SO THAT UN SOFA WOULD BE PRESERVED, PEACOCK SAID HE REGRETTED HIS INITIAL NEGATIVE REACTION. HE OBSERVED THAT PRESERVATION OF UN SOFA HAS NOW BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY UK CONTRIBUTION OF A FEW MEN BUT IF USG FEELS STRONGLY THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER. HABIB SAID WE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS AND GIVE HIM AN  
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ANSWER BEFORE FRASER'S OFFICIAL ARRIVAL. FYI: WE FEEL THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO PRESS AUSTRALIA FURTHER BECAUSE BASIC PROBLEM IS SOLVED BY UK ACTION. SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION, WE CAN TELL PEACOCK NEXT WEEK THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO PRESS HIM FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

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